NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING Thur., Feb. 28, 2013; 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Information Open House Public Meeting
Quality Inn & Suites/Sandhills Convention Ctr., Caboose Rm., 2102 S. Jeffers St., North Platte, NE

BH-83-2(137) South Platte River Bridges, North Platte; CN 61500

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will conduct a public information open house regarding the proposed rehabilitation of a portion of U. S. Highway 83 (US-83), in the city of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska. The meeting will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites/Sandhills Convention Ctr., Caboose Rm., North Platte, NE., Thurs., Feb. 28, 2013, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Identified as *South Platte River Bridges*, *North Platte*, this proposed project would rebuild and refurbish part of the South Platte River Bridges on US-83, locally known as S. Jeffers St., between Interstate 80 and the city of North Platte.

The improvements on the project would consist of bridge repair including deck replacement. Constructing new bridge rails, replacing the approach slabs, and updating guardrails would be included in the project. The pedestrian walkways would be refurbished to meet State and Federal regulations.

The tentative start date for construction is spring 2014 and construction could be completed as early as mid-fall of the same year.

Construction of the project would occur "under traffic" (without detouring) with temporary lane closures. One lane of traffic would remain open in each direction at all times. The pedestrian and bike trail crossing and running under the bridges would be closed during the construction with trail detours designated on the existing city trail system. Additional traffic control and trail detour information will be available at the meeting.

Minor right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions and temporary construction easements are not anticipated but may be necessary.

The public meeting "open house" is being held to provide information regarding the project and receive input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOR will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The format of this meeting allows the public to come, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish. All hand-outs will be available in both English and Spanish and a Spanish language interpreter will attend the meeting.

NDOR will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by Feb. 15, 2013. Notification or comments should be submitted to: Greg Weinert, Public Hearings Officer, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; greg.weinert@nebraska.gov; voice phone (402) 479-4871, TDD phone (402) 479-3834, Fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOR website at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the "North Platte" link.

For further information, contact Gary Thayer, NDOR District Six Engineer, (308) 535-8031, gary.thayer@nebraska.gov.

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